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COMMUNISTS CULTIVATE MINORITY GROUPS

On 27 March, the Minorities Commission of the Central People's government entertained the visiting youth and women from the Northwest minority nationality groups, and also honored the departing delegates of the Sikang Tibetans.

At the dinner, Liu Ke-p'ing, Deputy Chairman of the Commission, said in substance: "The government's racial policies are penetrating all parts of China, bringing a new unity among various races. To further this unity, the former antagonisms fostered by KMT reactionaries and imperialists, and narrow racial ideas must be done away with, as well as the plots of the US and Chiang's agents to divide us."

The visitors from the Northwest expressed appreciation to the Central government for what it has done thus far for the minority nationalities. They pledged to work for unity among different racial groups.

BUREAU TO SUPERVISE MOHAMMEDANS -- Tientsin Chin-pu Jih-pao, 11 Apr 50

Tientsin -- Acting upon instructions from the Central People's government, the Civil Affairs Bureau of the Tientsin municipal government will set up a subsidiary section which will have general supervision over the political, economic, educational, and cultural interests of the Mohammedan people. There are between 50,000 and 60,000 Mohammedans in Tientsin.

SINKIANG BEGINS CADRE TRAINING -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 8 Apr 50

Urumchi, 6 April -- To develop party cadres among each tribe in Sinkiang Province, the Sinkiang Branch of the CCP has established local cadre training programs. The training began on 1 April 1950. Guest speakers at the opening ceremony were the secretary of Sinkiang Branch of the CCP, Wang Chen-tseng (Ueda: 7262, 13036, 4661), and the chairman of the Sinkiang Provincial government, Pao Erh-han (14147, 7043, 6499).

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The initial group of 306 students consisted of members of 12 races: Uighur, Chinese, Moslems, Kazaks, Mongolians, Manchurians, Sibo, Solon, Russians, Tartars, Taranchi, and Uzbeks. Of these, 24 were women, and about one half were Uighurs. Most of the students understand either the Uighur or Chinese language; consequently, most of the classes and lectures are held in one of these languages.

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